

Supports "Secret Ballot Protection Act"

Washington, **Mar 10** - U.S. Congressman Mike Pence released the following statement in response to the reintroduction of the



Congressman Pence on the
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so-called "Employee Free Choice Act:"

"Card check legislation creates an environment where workers are denied privacy and forced to vote in an atmosphere of intimidation. Our nation's hard-working men and women deserve better. This is nothing more than an attempt by Democrats to drive democracy from the workplace. I will oppose every effort to turn this flawed policy into law.

"Congress should be focusing its attention on promoting jobs and small businesses, not promoting misguided legislation that allows intimidation in the workplace. Card check legislation will not help put Americans back to work. In fact, a recent study has documented the devastating impact this will have on job growth and small businesses. This oppressive bill must be stopped.

"I stand with my Republican colleagues and support the Republican alternative, the 'Secret Ballot Protection Act.' This commonsense legislation protects our nation's workers against coercion, violence or retribution by union organizers. Rest assured, I will continue to fight this fight until freedom is safe in the workplace."

NOTE:

Congressman Pence is an original cosponsor of H.R. 1176, the "[Secret Ballot Protection Act](#)," which would guarantee workers the right to a secret ballot election conducted by the National Labor Relations Board and prohibit unions from coercively subjecting employees to a card check campaign.